

Document Visual Question Answering with CIVQA

Czech Invoice Visual Question Answering Dataset

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Visually rich documents and Document visual question-answering

- VRD contains such documents whose **semantic structure** is not determined only by the **text** but also by the **layout** and **visual elements** of the documents
- DVQA seeks to obtain knowledge from the documents' **visual** and **textual** parts to answer questions
- The asked questions may relate to different parts of the VRDs
 - text
 - inserted images
 - tables
 - forms

Used models

- LayoutLMv2
- LayoutXLM
 - Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, French, Italian, German, and Portuguese
- LayoutLMv3
- Impira LayoutLM Invoices
 - fine-tuned on the SQuAD and DocVQA datasets plus proprietary dataset of invoices
- Impira LayoutLM Document QA
 - fine-tuned on the SQuAD and DocVQA datasets

CIVQA dataset





id	words	answers	bboxes	answers_bboxes	questions	image
string · lengths	sequence	string · lengths	sequence	sequence	string · lengths	string · lengths
						
9		1			4	36
420000000	["12008626", "FAKTÚRA", " (FV)", "Strana", "1",...	Rosinská cesta 13 010 08 Žilina	[[78.69774919614147,...	[[15.434083601286174,...	Jaká je adresa dodavatele?	f8f55985f6a82596baa43a72543fa4e4
420000001	["12008626", "FAKTÚRA", " (FV)", "Strana", "1",...	Rosinská cesta 13 010 08 Žilina	[[78.69774919614147,...	[[15.434083601286174,...	Kde sídli dodavatel	f8f55985f6a82596baa43a72543fa4e4

Figure: CIVQA pre-encoded dataset

input_ids	bbox	attention_mask	image	start_positions	end_positions	questions	answers
sequence	array 2D	sequence	array 3D	int64	int64	string · lengths	string · lengths
							
[0, 4422,...	[[0, 0, 0, ...	[1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, ...	[[[140, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 156, 156, 157, 159, 160, 163, 163, 161, 166, 169, 171, 170, 171,...	91	100	Jaká je adresa dodavatele?	Rosinská cesta 13 010 08 Žilina
[0, 119950,...	[[0, 0, 0, ...	[1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, ...	[[[140, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 156, 156, 157, 159, 160, 163, 163, 161, 166, 169, 171, 170, 171,...	88	97	Kde sídli dodavatel	Rosinská cesta 13 010 08 Žilina

Figure: CIVQA encoded dataset

Entity	Numeric	Textual	Pattern	Shape
Invoice number	X			
Variable symbol	X			
Specific symbol	X			
Constant symbol	X			
Bank code	X			X
Account number	X			X
ICO	X			X
Total amount	X			
Invoice date	X			X
Due date	X			X
Name of supplier		X		
IBAN	X	X		X
DIC	X	X		X
QR code			X	X
Supplier's address		X		

Table: CIVQA dataset's entities' categories

Tesseract and EasyOCR CIVQA dataset

- Tesseract OCR
 - was developed at HP Research between 1984 and 1994
 - Open-source project since 2005
 - Can recognise more than 100 different languages, including Czech
- EasyOCR
 - Python framework created by Jaded AI
 - Can recognise just over eighty languages, including Czech
- Each type of these dataset has two different versions
 - Readable by human
 - Ready to use

Tesseract OCR vs EasyOCR

Table: CIVQA results: comparison of Tesseract and EasyOCR frameworks by Precision, Recall, and F1 score.

Model	Prec	Tesseract		Prec	EasyOCR	
		Recall	F1		Recall	F1
LayoutXLM	0.7422	0.7117	0.7079	0.6636	0.6633	0.6455
LayoutLMv2	0.6917	0.6750	0.6634	0.6323	0.6129	0.6011
LayoutLMv3	0.6989	0.6382	0.6410	0.6370	0.6164	0.6065
Impira QA	0.6773	0.6291	0.6313	0.6373	0.6015	0.5984
Impira Invoice	0.6948	0.6440	0.6434	0.6345	0.6019	0.5962

Precision

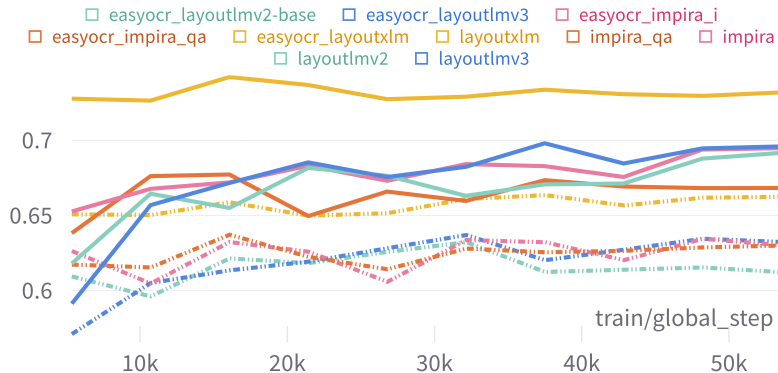
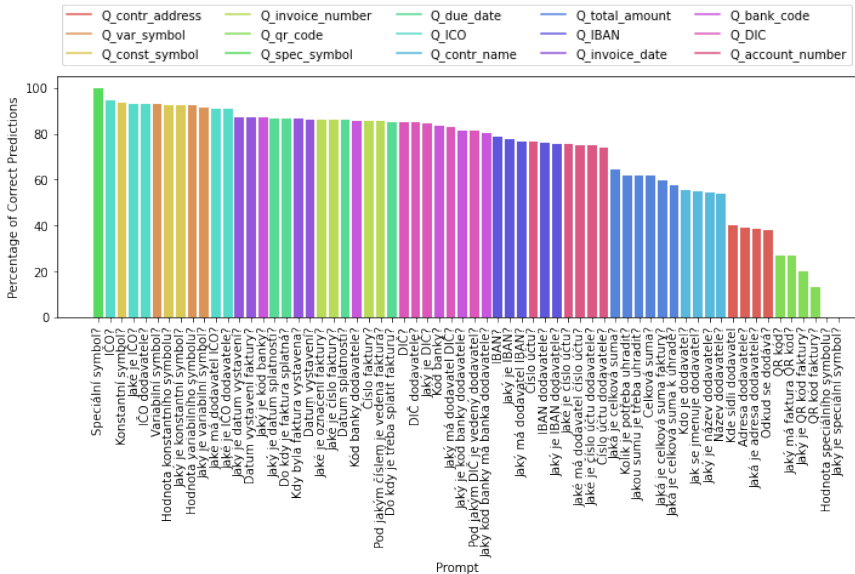


Figure: The precision of the models in the first experiment.



Two lines answers

	prompt	prediction	true
1	Jaká je adresa dodavatele?	Rosinská cesta 13 010 08 Žilina	Rosinská cesta 13 010 08 Žilina

Figure: The correct answer is on one line.

	prompt	prediction	true
99	Jaká je adresa dodavatele?	Michalovská 62 Variabilný symbol: 1858420000 073 01 Sobrance	073 01 Sobrance

Figure: The correct answer is on multiple lines, so it was split.

CIVQA and unseen types of questions

In this set of experiments, our focus was on developing a practical and robust solution for unseen entities.

- **Invoice number**

A numerical entity without a fixed shape.

- **ICO**

A numerical entity with given shape.

- **Supplier's address**

Textual and numerical entity without a fixed shape.

- **IBAN**

Textual and numerical entity with a fixed shape.

- **Due date**

A numerical entity with given shape.

Baseline on unseen entities

Model	Precision	Recall	F1 score
LayoutXLM	0	0	0
LayoutLMv2	0	0	0
LayoutLMv3	0	0	0
Impira QA	0	0	0
Impira Invoice	0	0	0

Table: CIVQA Tesseract OCR results on unknow entities

Baseline on unseen entities

Table: CIVQA results: comparison of models when handling unknown entities

Model	Known data			DocVQA + Known data		
	Prec	Recall	F1	Prec	Recall	F1
LayoutXLM	0.1920	0.0413	0.0582	0.3731	0.2163	0.2465
LayoutLMv2	0.0343	0.0270	0.0261	0.0665	0.0334	0.0279
LayoutLMv3	0.1022	0.0341	0.0456	0.1504	0.0455	0.0611
Impira QA	0.1512	0.0455	0.0652	0.2326	0.0895	0.1148
Impira Invoice	0.1360	0.0530	0.0724	0.2226	0.0807	0.1063

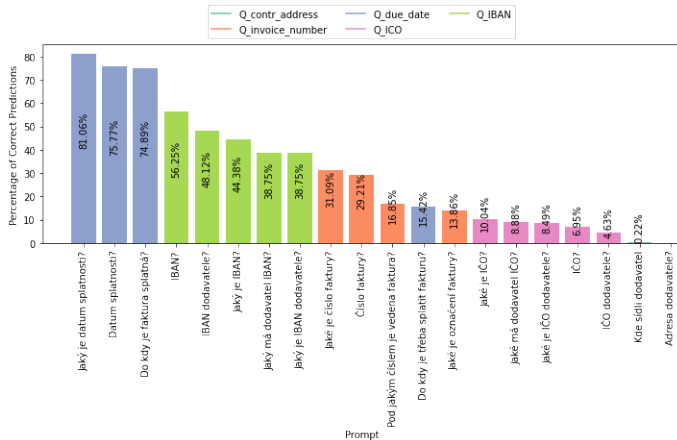


Figure: Validation dataset of CIVQA unknown entities: LayoutXLM model success rate by individual question percentage fine-tuned on DocVQA plus CIVQA known dataset.

Training with a subset of unknown data

Table: CIVQA results: Comparing results on baseline models, then models trained on a 5% subset of unknown entities and then models fine-tuned on the concatenation of known dataset with a subset of 5% unknown entities.

Model	Known data			5% of unknown			Known + 5% unknown		
	Prec	Recall	F1	Prec	Recall	F1	Prec	Recall	F1
LayoutXLM	0.1920	0.0413	0.0582	0.7002	0.6594	0.6617	0.7069	0.6693	0.6700
LayoutLMv2	0.0343	0.0270	0.0261	0.5944	0.5154	0.5192	0.6223	0.5726	0.5755
LayoutLMv3	0.1022	0.0341	0.0456	0.5793	0.5125	0.5254	0.6344	0.5528	0.5631
Impira QA	0.1512	0.0455	0.0652	0.6186	0.5356	0.5466	0.6318	0.5487	0.5670
Impira Invoice	0.1360	0.0530	0.0724	0.5999	0.5255	0.5369	0.6353	0.5577	0.5681

Conclusion

- CIVQA dataset
- Numeric answers obtained better results than purely textual ones
- Entities with given structure perform better
- LayoutXML

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